

## Letter RO-8

Subject: FW: Otay Ranch Village 13 Public Recirculation Comment

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Dear Mr. Mattson:

RO-8-1 As the Executive Director of the San Diego Mountain Biking Association, the leading trail advocacy organization in the County, I continue to support the inclusion in the Village 13 plans of multi-use, natural surface, "primitive" trails that conform to the County's trail standards within the fuel modification zone.

RO-8-2 I would also like to reiterate that wide community pathways, bike lanes and fire roads are NOT trails. In addition, ten foot wide paths running parallel to street traffic don't replace the experience of real "primitive" singletrack. There are many trail users in this area, including cyclists, hikers, fishermen, families and athletes from the nearby Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Facility and Eastlake High School Mountain Bike Team. While the development plan doesn't meet the real need of future inhabitants and trail users, we support the planned primitive trails within the Fuel Modification Zone. Community pathways serve only part of the population but real trail users will seek more challenging trails as it has been done nearby in the preserve. If an actual trail plan is not created, then unsustainable and unplanned trails will appear as happened at nearby San Miguel Mountain and Mother Miguel Mountain. We are currently working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service addressing some of the damage done by the population of the newer developments and the lack of trail planning from developers. We don't want to have this happen yet again at Otay Ranch Village.

RO-8-5 One major safety concern is the lack of planning for a west-east trail connector at Lower Otay Lake, a very popular trail system for many trail users, including cyclists, hikers and fishermen. This new development calls for widening Otay Lakes Road but that will destroy the existing trail connector and will force trail users to ride or walk along the new high speed traffic road creating I would like to request that the Otay area develop an Otay District Community Planning Board and a comprehensive Otay District Trails Plan with representation and adherence to the Community Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 2005. The Otay district is currently an unrepresented zone. (Community Trails Master Plan, 150-151)

RO-8-7 | Thank you for your time and for allowing our input.

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